(a) whether there is any proposal of railway line from Changchari or Tangla to Mangaldai in Assam to be extended further to Kharupetia and beyond so as to enable this district headquarters of Darrang to be covered by railways; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Burst of Boiler at Thakurli Power House Bombay

2906. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an accident took place on the 15th December, 1987 at Thakurli Power House, Bombay, due to boiler burst.

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been ordered into the accident;

(c) what are the findings of the said enquiry;

(d) what is the number of workers injured/succumbed to injuries in the said accident;

(e) whether such accidents had taken place in the said Power House in the past also; if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the National Railway Mazdoor Union has been drawing the attention of the railway administration towards unsafe condition of machinery in the said power house; if so, what steps were taken on their memoranda/suggestion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per provisional findings of the Enquiry Committee the boiler tube failed due to corrosion.

(d) Eight workers were fatally injured.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Yes, Sir, the required rehabilitation works were carried out on these old plants.

Diverting of DTC bus routes number 603 and 620

2907. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received by Delhi Transport Corporation, New Delhi, from area welfare associations of Vasant Vihar, CPWD Complex, New Delhi, regarding (i) diverting DTC Bus Route number 603 through Shanti Path, Teen Murthi and South Avenue instead of its present route through Vinay Marg, Tughlak Road etc.; and (ii) diverting of DTC Bus Route numbers 620 and RL-3 from Vasant Vihar Depot to Vasant Vihar CPWD Complex, Indian Airlines Colony and then at its existing route;

(b) if so, when the requests were received and what action has been taken by DTC authorities on each of such requests; and

(c) by when the routes are proposed to be changed to give relief to the Central Government Employees residing in that area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) A few representations regarding modification/extension of route numbers 603, 620 and RL-3 were received by the DTC on 4-12-1987, 26.11 1987 and 9.12.1987 respectively. The suggestions by the associations were not found acceptable due to various operational constraints and the larger interest of the commuters presently availing the services.

(c) Keeping in view the nature of traffic requirements of Delhi and the operational constraints of DTC, it is not feasible for the Corporation to connect various localities in Delhi with one another by direct services. The objective is to ensure that a commuter is able to reach his destination by using the change-over facilities available at all important centres of the city.